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1. Salvador Ocampo Pastenes, Chilean Communist Senator, and Juan Vargas Puebla, Communist labor leader, have been attempting to reorient Nuestro Tiempo, Chilean Communist publication, on a more "national" basis, as opposed to its present international character. They hope that in the future Nuestro Tiempo will devote its columns to matters concerning Chile directly, with particular emphasis on the country's economic, financial, and labor problems. Ocampo and Vargas believe that such a shift in emphasis will increase the appeal of the magazine to the Chilean laboring masses, to whom it is directed. The magazine's editors have defended its international character on the basis that there is a wealth of such material available to the Chilean Communists, whereas similar items of a local nature would require originality and a great deal more effort.
2. The Political Commission of the Communist Party has been undertaking to ensure the continuation of the magazine, which has had considerable financial difficulty. Its administration has been also severely criticized by Party leaders. Victor Guerrero, long-time Chilean Communist youth leader and now a member of the Political Commission, has assumed the role of business manager for Nuestro Tiempo. The inclusion on the staff of such a Party leader as Cesar Godoy Urrutia is believed still another indication of the increased importance attached to the magazine by the Party's leaders.

25X1A [REDACTED] Comment. Although [REDACTED] the impression of possible deviationist tendencies in the debate over a national as opposed to an international orientation, the contents of the May 1952 issue indicate that it is still following the international line. The major part of the information contained therein is of foreign origin and is slanted internationally. It is believed that what Ocampo and Vargas actually plan is to localize the appeal of Nuestro Tiempo rather than its content, to make it of interest to the Chilean worker.

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